

Student Affairs Assessment Council

Minutes

March 17, 2005

Attendance: Jodi Nelson, Beth Dyer, Pat Ketcham, Tom Munnerlyn, Edie Blakley, Rick DeBellis, Kent Sumner, Kristi Johnson, Jo Frederic, Lee Ann Baker, Rebecca Sanderson

Review of Assessment Plan

■ Career Services

Rebecca and Lee Ann reviewed the Career Services assessment plan. It was clear that a great deal of work has been done on the plan and Career Services should be encouraged by their work. The area that seemed most in need was assuring that the methods used to measure outcomes really gave information that could be used to improve programs. For instance, one outcome was to increase participation in career fair, yet, the assessment of that gave no data about what to do if target participation was not reached. Additionally, focusing the assessment efforts may be helpful and not trying to assess everything all the time or every year. Rebecca and Lee Ann will meet with Edie individually to review specifics of the plan.

Goals for Student Learning for the Division of Student Affairs

What learning do we want students to have as a result of our programs and services?

Rebecca posed this question as a way of introducing the possibility of our returning to work on learning and service goals for the division. This was a part of our early work however, the council did not find an effective way in which to both communicate this to departments as well as an effective methodology to measure department's work toward these goals.

Rebecca distributed the following documents and suggested that we begin to look at this again.

West Virginia model

Our first efforts to define division learning goals

Student affairs mission, vision, values document

She suggested that we might want to have an all day retreat this summer and have Larry there to introduce the work and to share with us some of the work he has done with Seattle University. The group thought that was a great idea and Rebecca and Jodi will try to schedule something—Maybe for the last week of June.

Other?

Kent announced that he and Eric were working on an alumni survey along with Don Johnson. Departments in student affairs will be asked to participate in the survey work and to help provide names of former student leaders to send the survey to.

Rebecca announced that there was going to be a University Assessment Council and that she would be a member. At this point, the council is being kept purposefully small in number; however, there will be opportunities for involvement as the council matures.

Rebecca will also set up a couple of two-hour methods workshops and opportunities to talk about various methods and to answer questions. They are open to anyone and it is entirely voluntary.

Next Meeting—MARCH 30 AT 11:00AM IN THE MU BOARD ROOM